

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein the angle  $\alpha$  between the wedge guiding direction and the clamping direction ~~of~~ is less than  $90^\circ$ .

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 11 wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is between  $40^\circ$  and  $85^\circ$ .

14. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 13 wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is approximately  $45^\circ$ .

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein the openings of each device are disposed on ~~only by one~~ of the claws of the ~~respective~~ turnbuckle device.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein the wedge has a constant size along the wedge guiding direction.

20. (Currently Amended) A concrete shell system comprising:  
concrete shell elements;

at least one device for clamping the concrete shell elements to one another, the device having spaced apart opposing claws displaceable toward one another in a clamping direction, the claws being configured for guiding one another for enabling the displacement toward one another;

teeth disposed on one of the claws, said teeth being slanted at an angle  $\alpha$  with respect to the clamping direction;

a slidable wedge disposed through claw openings for causing displacement of the claws upon translational sliding movement of the wedge within the openings in a wedge guiding direction, said guiding direction being inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  less than  $90^\circ$  with respect to said clamping direction; and

spaced apart parallel linear grooves disposed in said wedge for engaging said teeth for causing the displacement of the claws upon movement of the wedge within the claw openings.

21. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 further comprises comprising a plurality of the devices.

22. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 21 further comprising multiple mounting positions ~~for~~, each mounting position receiving one of the devices, the mounting positions being spaced apart from one another and aligned on a straight line perpendicular to the clamping direction, with the wedges inclined with respect to the straight line in order to enabling access to the wedges for movement of the wedges.

23. (Currently Amended) A concrete shell system comprising:  
concrete shell elements each element having multiple spaced apart device mounting positions disposed along a straight line;

~~turnbuckle~~-devices for clamping the concrete shell elements, one device being received at each mounting position, the ~~turnbuckle~~-devices each having two claws and a wedge, the claws of each device being displaceable toward one another in a clamping direction, ~~the each~~ wedge being guided in ~~the each~~ clamping device along a

wedge guiding direction and ~~with a position the of each wedge in the turnbuckle each~~  
 device determining displacement of the claws ~~wherein the concrete shell elements each~~  
 have ~~multiple mounting positions for receiving the turnbuckle devices of each device,~~

~~wherein the mounting positions are spaced apart at an interval A from one~~  
~~another in a direction perpendicular to the clamping direction of the turnbuckle devices~~  
~~and the turnbuckle devices are arrayed along a straight line;~~

~~the wedges wedge of the turnbuckle each devices are having unattached~~  
~~free ends enabling insertion of each wedge through corresponding claws openings, each~~  
~~wedge being positioned inclined with respect to the straight line and at an angle less than~~  
~~90° with respect to the clamping direction in order to avoid collisions of neighboring~~  
~~turnbuckle devices as the each wedges wedge are is transitionally advanced or driven out,~~  
~~and each wedge having spaced apart parallel linear grooves for engaging teeth in on of the~~  
~~claws of each device.~~

~~wherein the wedge guiding direction encloses an angle  $\alpha'$  with a common~~  
~~plane of the shell element skins, with  $0^\circ \leq \alpha' \leq 10^\circ$ .~~

24. (New) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein each wedge has unattached free ends enabling insertion of the wedge through the claw openings with an upper free end of the wedge positioned higher in vertical direction than a lower free end of the wedge.